Investments made By MNCs in the backward districts

1449. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of investment made by the multinational companies in the backward districts of the country.

(b) the projects on which the, multinational companies invested; and

(c) the details of work done by the companies during the last three years in the country particularly in the backward districts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) During the last three years (from 1.1.98 to 30.9.2000), the foreign/multinational companies have invested a total amount of Rs. 42923.43 crore in the country.

Choice of location of projects depends on the commercial judgement of the investors. It depends on the availability of adequate and dependable infrastructure facilities such as power, developed land, etc., and inventives and subsidies provided by State Governments for attracting investment into the States and Union Territories.

(b) Project-wise approvals are reflected in the Monthly SIA Newsletter brought out by this Department which is widely circulated, including the Library of the House.

(c) These data are not certainly maintained.

Effect of Indo-Myanmar Trade Treaty on Moreh Bazar in Manipur

1450. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: **Will** the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had any review regarding the Indo-Myanmar Trade Treaty in respect of export and import of goods from our country;

(b) whether Government are aware that after introduction of Indo-Myanmar Trade Treaty the Moreh Bazar, one of the border bazars on our side has a reduced business; and

(c) if so. what steps have been taken to revive the Moreh Bazar (Manipur)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULAH): (a) The Government has been reviewing Indo-Myanmar border trade from time to time?

(b) and (c) Due to various reasons including problems relating to law and order, security and availability of goods cheaper in Namphalong Bazar on the Myanmar side of the border etc., the volume of trade at Moreh has declined. The Government has taken various steps for beefing up the security along the border at Moreh and initiated measures to improve infrastructure, etc to help enhanced trading at Moreh. Meetings have also been held at the highest level to achieve this objective.

Growth Centres in the Country

1451. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Growth Centres functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of Centres in the North-Eastern States and amount, so far released to each State;

(c) whether there is a proposal to open more Growth Centres in NER; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) Details are given in Statement-I and Statement-II *(See* below)

(c) and (d) Nine Growth Centres are planned to be set up in the North Eastern Region of which eight have been sanctioned. The Project Report of the remaining one growth centre proposed to be set up at Chayagaon in Assam, is under appraisal.

Statement-I

Number of Functioning Growth Centres where allotment of Industrial Plots has commenced.

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of Growth Centres
1.	Andhra Pradesh	01
2.	Goa	01
3.	Gujarat	01
4.	Haryana	01
5.	Himachal Pradesh	01
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	01
7.	Karnataka	03